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Title: Need to allocate adequate funds to take up anti-sea erosion works in Kerala.

SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN (CANNANORE): The State of Kerala is endowed with a long coastal line. during every monsoon, this coast is badly affected by severe sea erosion. Out of 560 kms. of coastal line about 448 kms. are affected to a very great extent. Efforts were made in the past to construct sea walls along the sea shore, but large stretches of coastal belt still remain unprotected.

Due to sea erosion, the life and property of the fishermen living along the coastal line are in perpetual peril. The Government of Kerala finds it extremely difficult to undertake construction and maintenance work against sea erosion. The financial assistance from the Union is the only solace to the State.

Time and again, the gravity of the situation has been brought to the notice of the Union Government. However, no Central assistance for anti-sea erosion work has been forthcoming since 1992.

It is therefore highly necessary that adequate financial assistance is provided to the State of Kerala without any delay. I appeal to the Planning Commission and the Ministry for Water Resources to allocate adequate funds to the State of Kerala for anti-sea erosion work in the State.

SHRI K.S. RAO (MACHILIPATNAM): Sir, the same is the problem in my Constituency about which I have mentioned to you earlier.